

THE PRIMARY SITE

Why all the copies?

Have you wondered why we here at the WCSP are always pestering you to send us copies of your cancer records? It's a nuisance in your otherwise pleasant day. But we need them so we can abstract out the specifics and it all ends up in he National Cancer Data Base, NCDB. This is a joint program of the Commission on Cancer and the American Cancer Society, a nationwide oncology outcomes database for more than 1,400 CoC-approved Cancer Programs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Some 75% of all newly diagnosed cases of cancer in the US are captured at the institutional level and re ported to the NCDB. From it's beginning 1989, the NCDB now contains approximately 20 million records from hospital cancer registries across the United States. These data are used to explore trends in cancer care, create regional and state benchmarks for participating hospitals, and to serve as the basis for quality improvement.

Data elements are collected and submitted to the NCDB by the Wyoming Cancer Surveillance Program using nationally standardized data item and coding standards. Data on all types of cancer are tracked and analyzed.

Data collected include:

- Patient characteristics
- Tumor staging and histology characteristics
- Type of first course treatment administered
- Disease recurrence
- Survival

The NCDB also conducts hypothesis-based special studies that allow for the ad hoc collection of specific data to address important cancer problems. Participation by CoC-Approved Cancer Programs in these studies is mandated by the Cancer Program Standards set forth by CoC. Thus, the NCDB collects both a traditional data set (longitudinal) and one-time and ad hoc data sets (cross-sectional).

Data confidentiality is of prime importance, and the NCDB has pro-actively worked to continually ensure and maintain compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA of 1996 privacy regulations established by the Federal Government in 2003



Reaching the Highest Standards

The Wyoming Cancer Surveillance Program received Silver Certification in 2007 from NAACCR (The North American Association of Cancer Registries).

To accomplish this, the WCSP considers your submission of data an essential piece of this formidable puzzle. As the source of documents submitting cancer records to the WCSP in a timely manner is critical! It's only with your help that our data can be accurate and complete. With your help the WCSP can achieve the Gold Standard Award in 2008.

To help us achieve the Gold Standard, your facility can assist the WCSP in crating and submitting a comprehensive disease index. Step-by-step instructions are detailed below in assisting you create an index:

Creating a disease index:

- 1. Enter codes off of the "ICD9 Codes for Case finding List". Please make sure that codes are entered into a database exactly as they are shown on the list
- 2. Once these neoplasm codes are entered, only select those cases that have neoplasm codes as **principal diagnosis only**. WCSP only needs to see those cases that have the requested neoplasm codes as a principal diagnosis.
- 3. When printing out the report, the options of sorting alphabetically or sorting by code are available. SORTING BY CODE IS PREFERABLE. If alphabetical sorting is the only available method, this sort is also acceptable. When sorting, if space allows, include patient's name, principle diagnosis code, date of birth, admit and discharge dates, social security number and secondary codes when feasible

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Congratulations!!

Deborah Broomfield, of the Wyoming Cancer Surveillance Program, sat for the CTR exam in Spring 2007 and passed it with flying colors.

Welcome

The WCSP would like to welcome Vicki Moxley and Lisa Kelly. Below are bio's on the two newest team members.

Vicki Moxley:

I never dreamed that I would start a new career at my age!!!! I came to the WCSP after working at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in the Billing Department for 25 years. I worked as an Insurance Biller for 10 years (my expertise was Medicare) and then became the Billing Supervisor. It was time for a change, and the opportunity presented itself to work with the Cancer Surveillance Program. I was excited and apprehensive both.

I am a Wyoming Native, coming from Chugwater. I have a B.S. Degree in Home Economics. I did teach school for 2 years on the Wind River Indian Reservation prior to beginning my Health Care career in a Public Health Nurse's Office. I worked at the Lander Medical Clinic for a short time as an insurance biller and medical transcriber. The Cancer Surveillance Program is a real challenge and I'm learning something new daily. I didn't realize the complexities of the Tumor Registry. I thought that the Registry would probably use the same codes that the hospitals and physicians used and just make a list. Little did I know that there is a totally different coding schema and that the Registry would compile so much information.

My philosophy of Central Registry: As a Registrar, I am contributing to a Cure for Cancer. Physicians world wide have access to the data and can determine what treatments contribute to survival and quality of life for their patients.

Lisa Kelly:

Lisa has taken a circular route and come back to the WCSP. Lisa "cut her teeth" in cancer registry starting just down the road at the Denver VAMC in 1991 and then moved north to Cheyenne and the Wyoming Cancer Surveillance Program in 1995. With a love for coding Lisa expanded her experiences into medical coding at the Healthcare Administrative Partners in 2000 when she moved to Berwick, PA. With a yearning for her roots this young woman traveled back to her home town in Rome, GA in 2006 where Floyd Medical Center, received the benefits of her coding skills. Recently Lisa returned to the west, was rehired by the WCSP so she could get back into the abstracting field again. We know, however, that the real reason is to be near her new grand baby. Lisa knits, crochets and cross stitches and also enjoys scrapbooking when she is not abstracting.

Mark your Calendars!

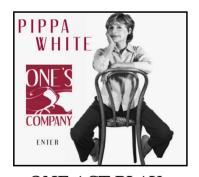
Wyoming Chronic Disease Conference to be held May 7 and 8

Wyoming is holding its first ever Chronic Disease Conference May 7th & 8th of 2008 at Little America in Cheyenne, WY. The Wyoming Tobacco Prevention Program, Wyoming Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Wyoming Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program, and the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, have joined forces to provide a comprehensive conference on Chronic Disease in Wyoming. The theme of the conference is Building a Healthy Wyoming, and will focus on all chronic diseases; with a special focus on common risk factors, as well as general health.

Slated to speak at this conference are:

- Captain Zachary Taylor, U.S Surgeon General Office
- Dr. Brent Sherard, Director of the Wyoming Department of Health
- Dr. June Dahl, a nationally recognized speaker on pain management
- Dr. Brenda Seals, Native American Cancer Research

At the conference, the Wyoming Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is sponsoring a session at entitled "L.B. 4:15." It is a one-act play (55min.) based on the journey of a breast cancer patient. It is described as "surprising, provocative, and funny." One participant wrote, "Pippa White's performance of L.B. 4:15 should be a must for all Health care professionals. Her Poignant portrayal of a woman diagnosed with breast cancer brings tears, smiles, and lessons, Any caregiver who views this performance will never approach patients the same way again." For more information contact Denise Padilla at DPADIL1@state.wy.us.



Pippa White is in her fourteenth year as a solo performer. She calls her productions part theatre, part storytelling, part history. She has toured to twenty-seven states, including California, New York, Connecticut, Texas, Florida, and Alaska. She has performed at colleges, conferences, museums, libraries, festivals, and performing arts centers. Recipient of a \$1000 merit award from the Nebraska Arts Council, and in March, 2007,

ONE ACT PLAY

By Silvia Roba based on a journey of a breast cancer patient

The conference will also highlight a resource fair and a poster session. Information on submitting an abstract for the poster session can be found at www.fightcancerwy.com Please save the date for this exciting conference! If you have any questions or concerns please contact Katie Hess at khess@state.wy.us or 307-777-1918.

NAACCR Hospital Registrar Webinars

Each webinar will address a specific site/histology or hospital registry operations issue. Site-specific webinars will include information on anatomy, multiple primary and histology coding rules, collaborative staging, and treatment data items as required by the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) Commission on Cancer (CoC). Didactic exercises will be completed and answers with rationale will be presented. There will also be a question and answer session.

Eight four-hour webinar sessions are presented, including: Lectures, quizzes, exercises, and a question and answer session. The series will begin in October 2007 and go through September 2008.

Subscription

To subscribe to the hospital registrar webinar series, please fill out the subscription form found on the NAACCR training website http://www.naaccr.org. Registration for individual webinars can be purchased for \$180 per session. Participants may register for either the morning (9AM—1PM EST) or the afternoon (2PM—6PM EST) session.

Course Description

For details regarding each webinars session, see the Hospital Webinar Course Description on the NAACCR training website. The topics to be presented include:

- Melanoma
- GYN
- Registry Operations
- Treatment (Surgery, Radiation, Systemic)
- Thyroid & Larynx
- Data Quality and Data Use
- Upper GI Tract
- Other GI

Please Visit Us

The WCSP is located at the Wyoming Department of Health within the Preventive Health and Safety Division. Our website link is http://wdh.state.wy.us/phsd/wcsp/index.html. Here you will find information about Cancer Surveillance, What's New, Links, Annual Reports and our Employee Directory.

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